

The Housing and Community Development Authority is accepting resumes for a Governor Intern position

To be considered for this position, applicants must:

E-mail a resume, cover letter, and a one to three page professional writing sample to Mark Neyland at MNeyland@IHCDA.in.gov with the title of the position in the e-mail subject line.

Additionally, candidates MUST apply to job ID 594353 via the state's job bank at www.IN.gov/spd . To apply, click on:

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The position offers a competitive salary, commensurate with relevant education and work experience. This position is housed in IHCDA's Indianapolis headquarters and applications are being accepted February 17, 2015

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Our Mission: IHCDA helps build strong communities by providing financial resources and assistance to qualified partners throughout the State of Indiana in their development efforts. A primary focus of IHCDA is providing a continuum of housing from homelessness to homeownership, with a focus on low to moderate income Hoosiers.

IHCDA Governor Intern Position: Hardest Hit Fund Blight Elimination Program

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Background:

Blighted, vacant and abandoned homes are a serious issue for Indiana homeowners, neighborhoods and communities. Sadly, the State of Indiana has one of the highest percentages of abandoned foreclosed homes in the country. RealtyTrac reported that roughly 24 percent of Indiana's foreclosed homes are abandoned. Many of these properties quickly fall into a state of blight and attract undesirable or unlawful activity, thereby negatively impacting Indiana homeowners and neighborhoods by reducing property values and draining local government resources. Many Indiana communities simply lack the resources necessary to combat this growing problem alone.

In 2010, the U.S. Department of the Treasury established the Housing Finance Agency Innovation Fund for the Hardest-Hit Markets ("Hardest Hit Fund") to provide financial assistance to families in the states most impacted by the downturn of the housing market. The State of Indiana received \$221.7 million to provide Hardest Hit Fund assistance to Hoosier homeowners. In February 2014, Treasury approved Indiana's use of \$75 million in Hardest Hit Funds to prevent foreclosure by stabilizing residential property values through the elimination of surrounding blighted properties. The Blight Elimination Program ("BEP") allows IHCDA to provide funding to local units of government to eliminate blighted properties and offer a variety of end uses for the newly cleared parcels, such as green space or redevelopment opportunities.

Job Description:

The Blight Elimination Program intern will provide daily support to the BEP Program Director and Director of Indiana's Hardest Hit Fund. The goal of the intern will be to identify methods to quantify the BEP program's community impact and measure its effectiveness. To accomplish this, the intern will:

- a) Develop a thorough understanding of blight elimination practices in the state and of the Hardest Hit Fund Blight Elimination Program;
- b) Learn to use the CoreLogic database and other tools to track residential property values and foreclosure rates in communities receiving BEP funds;
- c) With support from Hardest Hit Fund staff, develop mechanisms to solicit community and partner feedback on the impact of BEP in communities receiving BEP funds;
- d) Work with Hardest Hit Fund staff and partners to develop a plan that is both responsive to that feedback and utilizes appropriate tools and data to measure the impact and effectiveness of the BEP;
- e) Work with Hardest Hit Fund staff and partners communicate that plan to and solicit feedback from appropriate sources;
- f) Work with Hardest Hit Fund staff and partner agencies to implement the plan.